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of

The Ladies' Missionary Association of Christ Church Philadelphia

Whereas Mrs Mary King Miss Ann T. DaCosta and Miss Elizabeth E Bringhurst of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania with other citizens of the said City and State have associated themselves together for the purpose of advancing religion by affording aid to the Foreign and Domestic Missions connected with The Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America and in other manners expedient and are now desirous of being incorporated according to law It is hereby approved ordered adjudged and decreed that:

I. The said Mary King Ann T DaCosta Elizabeth Bringhurst and others be and they hereby are erected into a corporation or body politic by the name style and title of the Ladies Missionary Association of Christ Church Philadelphia and by that name shall have perpetual succession with the powers and privileges as to suits actions and process in law and in equity to corporations incident: And shall be able and capable in law and equity to take hold enjoy purchase sell and convey for the use of the said corporation lands tenements goods and chattels real and personal or both which now are or hereafter may become the property of the said corporation or be held for their use by any manner of conveyance devise bequest or otherwise Provided that the clear yearly value or income thereof shall not exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

II. The said corporators and their successors or a majority of them shall have power and authority to make rules by-laws and ordinances and to do everything needful for the good government of the said corporation and the advancement of its objects Provided that the same be not repugnant to the law of the State the United States or this charter:

III. The payment of one dollar annually shall entitle any person to the right of membership in the said corporation with the privilege of voting at the election for the Board of Managers at the set time and place of said election:

IV. There shall be an annual meeting of the said corporation held on the first Friday in January in every year hereafter at which meeting a Board of Managers consisting of not less than twenty persons and of as many more than twenty if any as a legal majority shall choose shall be elected to serve for the ensuing year: And a report of the proceedings of the past year exhibiting a full and detailed account of the money affairs of the said corporation shall be laid before the corporation by the Board of Managers of that year:

V. That any member contributing ten dollars shall be eligible to the office of Manager: and the business of the said corporation shall be conducted by the said Board of Managers who shall choose from their own number a Directress or President a Treasurer and a Secretary to act in those capacities for the said corporation until the next annual election.

City and County of Philadelphia ss

Be it remembered that at a Court of Common Pleas held at Philadelphia in and for the said City and County on the day of A.D. 1870 the foregoing improvements alterations and amendments were presented to the said Court for its approval Whereupon the Court ordered the same to be filed in the Prothonotary's Office of said Court and that public notice be given of the application agreeably to the provisions of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided And now towit A.D. 1870 due proof having been exhibited of the publication of notice agreeably to the order of the Court and no cause to the contrary being shown and it appearing to the Court that the said improvements alterations and amendments are and will be lawful and beneficial on motion of William White Wiltbank Esquire it is ordered and decreed that the said improvements alterations and amendments shall be deemed and taken to be a part of the instrument upon which said Corporation was formed and established to all intents and purposes as if the same had been originally made part thereof and it is further ordered that the same be recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for said County Witness my hand and the seal of the said Court this day of A.D. 1870

Memorandum: The foregoing is a copy of the Amended Charter and Statutes recorded at Philadelphia in Book "JAH" No: 1a: —

15 June A. 1870

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June 13th 1870 Approved
Jas Allison